CHAPTER 280.

СНАР. 280.

An act for the benefit of William G. Penn.

Passed March 9, 1843.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the General As- Preamble. sembly of Maryland that under a decree of the Court of Chancery in a case in which John Hoye and others were complainants, and William G. Penn and others were defendants, it was on the twenty-ninth of January eighteen hundred and twenty-three ordered by the Chancellor, that the report of the auditor assigning certain portions of the residue of the nett proceeds of the lands sold in the said cause to certain grantees of Charles Penn, senior, be confirmed, and that the trustee should pay away the same accordingly; that afterwards William G. Penn, a purchaser of part of the said estate, paid to the said grantees the portions thus awarded to them; that after said payment, a petition was filed in said cause by the complainants, alledging that other portions of said estate which by a previous order of the court had been charged with one half of the complainant's debt, had been re-sold at a loss, and for a sum not sufficient to pay the half thus charged upon it, and asking that the said residue so ordered to be distributed as aforesaid, should be applied to make up the deficiency, which petition was dismissed by the Chancellor on the twenty-eighth of February eighteen hundred and twentyfive; that from the said order of dismissal, the said complainants appealed; that between the passage of the order of the twenty-ninth of January eighteen hundred and twenty three, and the filing of the said petition, William G. Penn who had so purchased a part of the said estate, and paid to the said grantees their respective shares, according to the auditor's report and the order thereon, had also obtained for the trustee, a release from the said grantees, and filed the releases and receipts; that when the record was sent up to the Court of Appeals the said receipts and releases were not included therein, and the question raised by the said Penn's proceedings was not presented to the said court so as to enable them to determine how far he was justified in, and entitled to a credit for said payments under the said order; that the Court of Appeals reversed the order of the Chancellor passed on the twenty-eighth of February eighteen hundred and twenty-five, at the June term eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, deciding that the creditors were entitled to have their claims satisfied out of any money now in the hands of the trustee, or which may come into his hands, and remanding the said cause to the Court of Chancery without determining, and for the defect of the

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